

Minutes

TO: Public Safety Committee

FROM: Harry Captain, Chairperson

DATE: August 8, 2014

SUBJECT: Public Safety Committee

IN ATTENDANCE: Harry Captain, Scott Slifka (by phone), Denise Hall, Ron Van Winkle, Tracey Gove, Rick Ledwith, Dan Coppinger, Bob McCue, Mike Sinsigalli, Rich Winn

AGENDA

The Public Safety Committee met on Thursday, August 7, 2014, at 8:00 a.m., in Town Hall, Room 312, to discuss the following:

1. Police update
The Police Chief reviewed recent burglary arrests and other police activity. The Committee also discussed the police department's domestic violence prevention program, and the SWAT Challenge. Harry Captain discussed a resolution he had prepared requesting an increase in the town's efforts for improved automobile, pedestrian and bicycle safety. He discussed a back to school program and referenced an effort by former Councilman Kevin Connors to raise awareness through the "Speed Limit Club".
2. Fire update
Assistant Chief Sinsigalli discussed our recent ISO rating which remained at the same level and is used to set insurance rates. The Department had 244 applications for 5 open firefighter positions, 43 applicants will be interviewed. The Department is presently 14 fire fighters short of a full complement with one retirement pending. Assistant Chief Winn discussed the administration's review of possible options for providing the paramedic service through the Fire Department. An internal committee has been meeting with the chiefs of other towns that do provide the service. It is expected that the internal committee will be able to make a recommendation to the Chief in September. That recommendation will be given further administrative review and a final recommendation will be presented to the Public Safety Committee. The Department has been working with middle and high school students to create a video competition for a public safety announcement concerning candle fire safety.
3. Executive Session – Contract Negotiations
The Committee discussed ongoing union contract negotiations.

C: Town Council
Ronald Van Winkle, Town Manager
Joseph O'Brien, Corporation Counsel
Essie Labrot, Town Clerk
Department Directors